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Serial No. 09/606,369

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For: *Composite Arrays Utilizing  
Microspheres with a Hybridization  
Chamber*

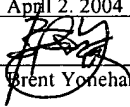
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In satisfaction of the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, and in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants wish to draw the attention of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to the references cited on the accompanying form PTO/SB/8A. Since this application is a continuation of the following related U.S. Application – Serial No. 09/473,904, filed December 28, 1999, copies of these references were provided either by Applicants or the Examiner. Therefore, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d), no copies of these references are enclosed.

Further, in satisfaction of the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, and as required by M.P.E.P. § 2001.06(b), Applicant notes that the present application is related to the following pending patent applications:

1. U.S.S.N. 09/256,943, filed February 24, 1999; U.S.S.N. 09/473,904, filed December 28, 1999; and U.S.S.N. 10/194,912, filed July 12, 2002;
2. U.S.S.N. 08/944,850, filed October 6, 1997; U.S.S.N. 09/287,573, filed April 6, 1999; and U.S.S.N. 10/398,157, filed April 1, 2003;
3. U.S.S.N. 09/033,462, filed March 2, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,210,910 B1, issued April 3, 2001; U.S.S.N. 09/260,963, filed March 2, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,377,721, issued April 23, 2002; and U.S.S.N. 09/663,510, filed September 15, 2000, now U.S. Patent No. 6,667,159 B1, issued December 23, 2003;
4. U.S.S.N. 08/818,199, filed March 14, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 6,023,540, issued February 8, 2000; and U.S.S.N. 09/151,877, filed September 11, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,327,410, issued December 10, 2001;
5. U.S.S.N. 09/450,829, filed November 29, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,266,459, issued July 24, 2001; U.S.S.N. 09/816,651, filed March 26, 2001; U.S.S.N. 09/840,012, filed April 2, 2001; and U.S.S.N. 09/925,292, filed August 8, 2001;
6. U.S.S.N. 09/979,236, filed November 20, 2001; and U.S.S.N. 09/990,890, filed November 21, 2001;
7. U.S.S.N. 09/189,543, filed November 10, 1998; U.S.S.N. 09/344,526, filed June 24, 1999; U.S.S.N. 09/748,706, filed December 22, 2000; and U.S.S.N. 10/187,321, filed June 28, 2002;
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9. U.S.S.N. 09/493,741, filed January 28, 2000.

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Nothing herein shall constitute an admission concerning the contents of any of the cited references, nor shall the inclusion of a reference herein be considered an admission that the reference constitutes prior art against the invention claimed in the above-identified application. Submission of the present document shall not be construed as an admission that a search has been made or that better art does not exist.

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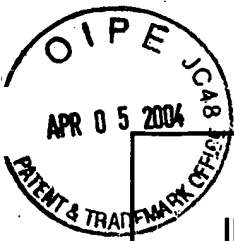
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